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# Breaking Up The Home

## By Irwin Tucker

There is no charge more constantly made against Socialism than that it means the breaking up of the home. Nor is there one more mad. For to a more than even half of the people of this land the word "home" is a mockery. Real homes do not exist for them, nor the possibility of homes. And those which do exist, which in spite of fearful handicaps the laborers manage to establish, are at the peril of a godless system hour by hour.

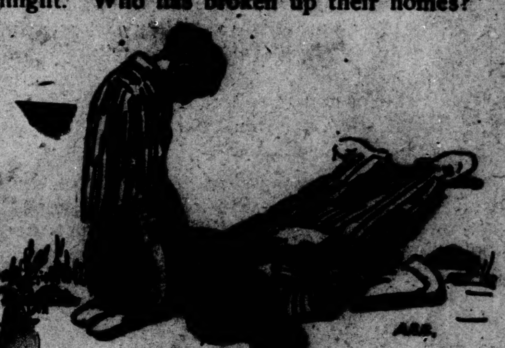
Locking the stable door after the horse is stolen, crying "Wolf!" after the flock has all been eaten, posting a "No Smoking" notice after the factory has burned to ashes, or taking out accident insurance after one has been fatally smashed in a wreck, are mild folly compared to the idiocy of shrieking "Socialism will break up the home!" in the United States at this late hour.

Where are the homes that Socialism will destroy?

[illegible] they cannot maintain homes in an ordinarily decent standard of living. Who has broken up their homes?

Two million children, who should be the joy and comfort of their parents, labor in mills and factories. Who has broken up their homes?

Three million men, who should have been the props and mainstays of as many families, were unemployed this winter, leaving the wives and babies they had to shift as best they might. Who has broken up their homes?



Fifty Thousand a Year.

Fifty thousand widows are made each year in this land by preventable industrial accidents. Who has broken up their homes?

Poverty, industrial diseases, accidents of employment, misery of unemployment, child labor, woman labor—all these things destroy homes by the double hundred thousand. Those they do not destroy they make impossible; those they neither destroy nor make impossible they make uncertain; those which are certain are tainted with excessive wealth.

What does all these things? Socialism?

Brothers who have not yet lost your reason, Socialism will prevent these things; it is Capitalism that does them.

Socialism breaks up homes? What homes?

The home of the widow who bends in agonized despair over the charred body of her husband dragged from a burning mine?

The home of the bride who hears outside the footfalls of fellow workers bringing back to her the body of her husband, slain in the horror of a railroad wreck?

Homes in a filthy tenement on New York's East Side, where twenty persons of both sexes sleep together in rooms innocent of fresh air from year's end to year's end?

Homes in Pittsburgh slums, where exhausted men fling themselves down to sleep after twelve hours of inhuman toil?

Homes where a woman and seven children slave all night and all day making artificial flowers by wretched light? Where dying children make laces till their eyes set and their fingers stiffen in the grip of the White Plague?

Homes over which hangs the constant threat of eviction by a greedy landlord? Homes over which a loan shark's power hovers like a blight? Homes which are all day empty of children who are doomed to toil at the loom [illegible] be destroyed—wiped out—swept off the face of the earth. Such homes as these shall be no more. The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent.

Maintaining a home requires steady income. When the head of the home owns nothing but his own labor, with neither land or necessary tools to fall back upon, he must sell himself from day to day.

The capitalist system must maintain a vast army of the unemployed, out of which men can be drawn to replace impudent workers who demand the full social value of the product of their toil. Every man willing to work who is unemployed represents a broken home. Every great industrial crisis, whether caused by overproduction or by a mad panic of fear, like that which we now are enduring—plunges men by the million beneath the level of unemployment and breaks up their homes.

Capitalism maintains broken homes as part of that whereon it feeds.

### High Cost of Living

Many and many a youth and maiden who love and desire a home of their own dare not marry because the cost of living is so great. Children are expensive; wherefore, when they do marry, very often there are no children. A home willfully without children is not a home, but a wretched mockery, a skeleton of what might have been; a place void of love and light and laughter; a monument of broken humanity.

Capitalism maintains the high cost of living. Socialism will destroy that monstrous barrier to wedlock and make a home, and a happy home, possible to all who become divine through loving.

More than half the families of these United States exist on annual incomes of less than $480. A home which has to exist on such a pittance as this is not a home, but a hovel. Homes where such bitter poverty grips must be destroyed; and with them homes where rotting luxury breeds pestilential disease.

### There Must First Be a Home

The first and primary essential of a home is that there shall be a man and a woman to marry and make a home. According to a beneficient provision of Nature, men and women are born in almost equal numbers. Beginning with birth, the boy babies die more readily in infantile diseases because girl babies have a greater strength of passive endurance. These infantile diseases are preventable. Out of the 300,000 babies who die annually from utterly unnecessary causes, many more than half are boys.

Industrial accidents find their victims almost entirely among men. Railroad accidents, mine accidents, mill accidents, accidents in tunnelling, blasting, structural iron working, claim their victims from among men. Ninety out of a hundred of these mankilling accidents are directly due to the demand for profit. Were the primary interest of industry human life, they could be prevented.

Every man killed in an industrial accident [illegible] he is unmarried it means a girl who might have had a husband condemned to celibacy or the streets.

By preventable industrial accidents, more than 70,000 homes, actual or potential, in this country are broken up every year by the slaughter of the breadwinner, the husband and the father.

What Manner of Homes Are These?

Preventable industrial accidents are caused by the Profit System, which holds returns on invested money as being more dear a d[illegible] than security of invested lives.

Socialism means that the profit system shall be abolished; that the one thing sacred shall be human life. It means that the seventy thousand human lives sacrificed yearly on the [illegible] of Greed shall be saved and consecrated [illegible] home and family.

### Migratory Labor

In every large city hundreds of thousands of men throng during the winter, huddled [illegible] dirty lodging [illegible]ses, filthy [illegible] and [illegible] empty hal[illegible]ey are the casual lab[illegible] the mig[illegible] workers. In spring and summer th[illegible] out in the [illegible] plains [illegible]ging ditches, [illegible] roadbeds. Their [illegible] they cannot maintain homes. [illegible] tutes as they [illegible] wi[illegible] children demand a class of women degraded to the utmost depth.

Socialism will mean the possibility of a home for every one of these, to whom such a dream is now madness.

### Inevitable Polygamy

Polygamy was a natural result of war. Where every man stood in peril of being slain in tribal conflicts, the women left over must be taken care of some how. They must belong to some man, for in a state of society where war is daily occupation, a woman undefended is a woman lost. Polygamy was inevitable in a barbarous society where there were more women than men.

But in a society where polygamy is forbidden—to the poor—and where war tenfold more deadly than savage tribes ever fought decimates the half of us—the women left over cannot be so taken care of. What shall be done with them? There are three answers—Prostitution, spinsterhood, or concubinage. Can you think of any others?

Destroy Industrial murder, and you have destroyed the feeding ground of prostitution.

Destroy Industrial murder, and the great enemy of our homes is done away.

Destroy Industrial murder, and for every woman there will be a man. Love is jealous, exclusive, by the nature of it. The human race is naturally monogamous, not from without by reason of imposed laws, but from within; "In the image of God created he man; male and female created he them. So then they twain are no longer two, but one flesh."

Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! which strain out a gnat and swallow a camel. First make a home possible before you cry out that it is being destroyed.

There is another force which is "Breaking up the Home." Medical statistics show that in some regions 80 per cent of the young men entering marriage have social diseases. Four out of five of the young men applying for admission to the United States Army are rejected for the same reason. No power can stop this d[illegible]ht of the black plague, save [illegible] strength. Sex hygiene must be taught to every child; and Socialists demand this, in common with all other intelligent educators of the day. Not hysterically, not emotionally, but rationally and scientifically, every child must be taught the truth about its most sacred power.

### Eugenics Not An Answer.

Yet Eugenics is but a partial answer. Its only value is to call attention to an evil situation. Eugenics remedies nothing. It is unjust for the State to refuse legal marriage to the physically unfit, unless the State has first made sure that they had a chance to be in health. A state which permits tuberculous slums, exhausting labor for women or deforming labor for children to continue, has no right to demand perfect physical health. Before Eugenics, must come Euthenics; the science of right environment. And the result will be Eudemics; a healthy and happy people.

For all of these things Socialism stands. It demands that a home shall be made possible for every man. It demands that the homes so made possible shall be clean, wholesome, well kept; with access to clean air, clear water, and fresh green grass for every person. It demands that every child born in such homes shall be certified sufficient food, clothing, and education to make him as perfect a human being as his capacity permits. It demands that the basis of these homes shall be sacramental, not commercial.

Homes sustained only by fear of starvation we intend to break up. Homes in perpetual fear of want and misery shall be banished from the earth. Homes which women purchase by the sale of themselves, body and soul, we intend to destroy.

But the homes with which we will replace these will be homes of prosperity and plenty, where fear shall not perpetually menace nor want perpetually gnaw. They will be homes where poverty shall not pinch, nor grinding toil make prisoners of all.

They shall be Temples of the Incarnation; [illegible] God shall re-embody Himself in every life that comes like a flower into a perfect

## UNEMPLOYED CLUBBED IN NEW YORK CHURCH

An army of unemployed men in New York, after enjoying the hospitality of different churches for several nights, were clubbed and arrested when they attempted to enter St. Alphonsus' church.

On Sunday night, March 1, the Rev. William Norman Guthrie, rector of St. Mark's Church, (Episcopal) invited any homeless and unemployed men to sleep that night in the parish house. Because the night was so bad but few were present. The following night, however, some 200 men, led by Frank Tannenbaum, were given beds and supper in the upper room of the Church hall.

The following night these men marched to St. Paul's Chapel, also an Episcopal Church, where the vicar, Rev. William Montague Geer, housed and fed them in similar fashion.

The third night they entered St. Alphonsus, a Roman Catholic Church. The chief priest promptly sent for the police, expressing his horror that these men should attempt to sleep "in the presence of the Sacrament." They were all arrested. Tannenbaum, the leader, was held in $7,500 bail.

Plymouth Church, Brookln (Congregational) has been feeding about 300 men every morning. Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis is pastor.

An army of the unemployed which started to march from San Francisco to Washington was broken up by the police.

## EMPLOYMENT BUREAU FOR EVERY POST OFFICE

"I wish to see created within the Department of Labor," says Secretary of Labor Wilson, "a bureau of information that will be handled much on the same lines as our Weather Bureau of Information, where, with the aid of the immense number of government employes which we have scattered over the country, we will gather the information of where men can find employment, the wages they will receive, the hours of employment, the conditions under which they toil, whether or not a trade union [illegible] is recognized [illegible] or not any trade dispute exists where the employment may be had; and then condense that information into a sheet that can be posted in every postoffice in the United States and in every other place where men congregate, so that they will have the information relative to labor matters."

## BE YE WISE AS SERPENTS YET HARMLESS AS DOVES

Fred D. Warren's sturdy good sense is shown in a leading article in the Appeal to Reason for Feb. 28, entitled "How to Meet the Attacks of Catholic Priests," wherein Fred urges all comrades to confine their propaganda methods to explaining Socialism. He shows how in the county in which the Appeal is published the Red vote was increased almost ten times by simply "distributing Socialist literature, and talking about things here and now; about jobs, about good houses to live in; about good food to eat; and good clothes and travel and entertainment for the men and women who do the work. And for a play time and playground and education for the children."

Here is wisdom. Stick to the issue. "Though they curse, yet bless them."

## SMILE YOUR PRETTIEST; ITS CHEAP TO BE SWEET

Sugar alone out of the whole list of food products has gone down in price within the past 25 years, according to the Department of Commerce report just issued. Beef has doubled, pork has trebled, butter, eggs and potatoes have increased 60 per cent., while sugar has gone down 20 per cent.

### Spend Your Vacation in Alpha Centauri

Henry Smith Williams, in a book called "Miracles of Science," just issued by Harper and Brothers, remarks that if an aeroplane capable of traveling a mile a minute were to start on a trip from the earth to Neptune, the farthest outlying member of our solar system, it would take no less than 5,000 years to reach that planet. Should the aviator wish to continue his flight through the ether to the nearest star, Alpha Centauri, his trip would take him 50,000,000 years.

## SOCIALIST ELECTED DEAN OF FOND DU LAC

The Rev. Bernard I. Bell, Socialist party member and minister of the Grace Church, Chicago, Service Forum, has been elected Dean of the Episcopal Cathedral of Fond du Lac, Wis.

The office of Dean is next highest to that of Bishop, carrying with it usually the presidency of the standing committee of the diocese as well as immediate charge of the Cathedral. When the post was offered him, Mr. Bell informed the Chapter of his views on the class struggle, but the election was promptly confirmed.

Comrade Bell graduated from the Western Theological Seminary, Chicago, in 1910. He was curate of Christ Church, Woodlawn, then rector of St. Christopher's Church, Oak Park, then curate of Grace Church, Wabash Avenue, Chicago, where he conducted the Grace Church Service-Forum.

He will be [illegible] youngest Dean in the American Episcopal Church, being not yet 28.

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The Socialist Pulpit of St. Mark's in the Bouwerie, New York City, is now occupied by the Rev. William Miller Gamble, of York, Pa. Comrade Gamble is an author and writer of some note, being a frequent contributor to the Atlantic Monthly. He takes the place of the Rev. Irwin St. John Tucker, now managing editor of the Christian Socialist.

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Rev. Augustine Elmendorf, secretary of the Social Service Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, who has been growing steadily more radical, has announced himself as a Socialist. The new Comrade is a nephew of Hetty Green.

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Trinity Church, Chicago, has opened a "Civic Improvement League," which discusses social and labor problems on Sunday nights after its service. The rector is the Rev. John McGann.

### The Lady or the Heifer?

In a pioneer town out West a debate was held in the school house on the subject:

"Resolved, That for a man on a backwoods farm a cow is of greater value than a woman."

The affirmative speaker claimed that "value" meant money and nothing else, and that, if the crops failed and the man could not pay interest, he could sell the cow, while the woman would be an additional expense. This won the debate for the cow! The judge made his decision as follows:

"My sympathy is with the wimmin, but the money goes on the cow, for, as we all know, sympathy don't pay any mortgages or buy groceries."

An indignant woman jumped up in the audience and told how she had with her own hands supported a lazy husband and fed a cow and five children, but the judge decided that her argument did not count, as she was not one of the elected debaters!—The Woman's Journal.

# WOMAN'S VIEW

Drawn by Ann C. Coles.

Woodrow Wilson's polished reserve was shaken to its utmost when a long line of working women and girls, who had been kept waiting outside his office while their leaders asked his influence for the vote, refused to shake hands with him.

After their few representatives had been told that they could expect nothing from him, the others were allowed into the Presence, and filed past him. Many of them ignored his proffered hand. Mr. Wilson followed these, still offering his hand.

They said to him:

"No Mr. President, excuse us. You are not for us, and we are not for you."

Equally uncompromising was the position taken by woman suffragists before the House Committee on the Judiciary, on March 3. Representative Beall of Texas called the views expressed by the suffragists "threats." The Democrats were warned that this was their last chance, and the warning carried with it the promise of a wholesale defection in the ten states where women now enjoy the franchise.

Mrs. Crystal Eastman Benedict of New York threw down the gauntlet thus:

"Grant us woman suffrage throughout the United States—or 4,000,000 women who vote in the states where suffrage is a fact will vote against you. If this congress does not take action it will be because the party deliberately sidesteps this vital issue. When you turn to the 4,000,000 women who will vote at the next presidential election—and there may be more by that time—and tell them what a splendid administration you have given us, what a fine tariff bill you passed, what a superior currency and anti-trust program you have carried to fruition, the women will reply to you that you have deliberately refrained from dealing with justice and fairness to the women of such states as have not granted equal suffrage."

Representative Chandler, Progressive, of New York, said:

"Since the Republican Party has failed and the Democrats seem disposed to fail as well, why should not your 4,000,000 women turn to the Progressive party, which favors woman suffrage?"

"I am giving away none of our plans today," Mrs. Benedict said. "But you must remember that the question of woman suffrage is no longer one of right or justice, or principle alone, but it is today a matter of political expediency."

**Remember, Remember The Ides of November**

Another suffragist speaker in turn was Dr. Cora Smith King, who warned the judiciary committee that it should be no longer the "graveyard committee of the house," where suffrage bills and resolutions are buried.

"I warn you," she said. "Ghosts may walk. Remember the ides of November."

A leaflet which is being widely circulated by Mrs. Dodge, president of the Anti-Suffragists, contains a photograph of the Socialist section of the Woman Suffrage parade in Washington in November, of which Charles Edward Russell was marshal. It comments significantly as follows:

"Suddenly the scene changed. The yellow was gone, and in its place was red—red sashes, red banners, red hat-bands, red dresses. The light, gay music had died away, and there burst on the night air the solemn, stirring strains of the 'Marseillaise,' the famous revolutionary anthem. Men and women were marching past now, hundreds of them in close ranks, with firm, steady tread, determination written on their grim, set faces. All was red, red, red, and as the writer gazed, stunned by the sudden, weird transformation, he saw displayed on their red banner the inscription—

"Every Socialist is a Suffragist"

"Socialists are behind Woman Suffrage and if they should succeed in getting it, as the red suddenly flashed out in place of the yellow before the writer's eyes in the parade that November night, so will the Socialist Republic and the Co-operative Commonwealth burst forth in the wake of Woman Suffrage!"

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## WOMAN.

Her service starts before the break of day,
And shapes her growth of soul, till set of sun,
And when the stars stroll down the Milky-way,
Her work is still undone.

Her lips frame words of hope and cheer, the while
She moves with limbs no longer swift and light;
Though tears would soothe her soul, she needs must smile
Far, far into the night.

Her youth, her all, she gives for love's sweet sake,
Believing codes, long boasted and believed;
She sleeps in a fool's paradise, to wake—
Dishonored and deceived.

In cloister, harem, home, yea everywhere,
Her will is subject to the will of man;
In all his vaunted realms, save here and there,
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Until they yield her place.

—Mary Q. Laughlin, Buffalo, N. Y.

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## WOMEN WHO HAVE THE VOTE!

Read this:

### AFFIDAVIT
(Copy)

City and County of New York, ss:

James Wilkinson being duly sworn, deposes and says:—that he resides at No. 114 55th Street, in the borough of Brooklyn, City of New York. That he was hired by the Ascher Detective Agency on the 16th day of October, 1913, for the purpose of proceeding to Calumet to take part in the copper strike as a guard. That he remained in the employ of the Ascher Detective Agency at the copper mines in Calumet until the 28th day of December, 1913;—

THAT IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE AMONG THE GUARDS THAT THE WOMEN OF THE STRIKE BREAKERS, WHO WERE CONFINED IN THE MINES, WERE FREQUENTLY OUTRAGED AND THE SUBJECT OF ASSAULT AND RAPE, BY THE GUARDS, WHILE THEIR HUSBANDS AND FATHERS WERE UNABLE TO PROTECT THEM ON ACCOUNT OF THEIR ABSENCE IN THE MINES.

JAMES WILKINSON.

Sworn to before me this twelfth day of January, Nineteen Fourteen.

JULIUS A. KUCK, JR.,
Notary Public, Westchester County.
Certificate filed in N. Y. Co., N. Y. Co. Ck. 63,
Reg. 5173.

From The Miners' Magazine.

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## WOMEN AND CHILDREN SABERED BY COLORADO MILITIA.

One thousand women, girls and children formed in a parade in Trinidad, Colorado, on the afternoon of January 22, to protest against the imprisonment of Mother Jones. The American flag was carried at the head of their column, together with a banner inscribed "God Bless Mother Jones."

Mother Jones, after having been run out of the state of Colorado for venturing to trespass upon that privately-owned preserve, was seized when in a hospital and kept under armed guard. Not even her own physician was allowed to see her, and none except an attorney was permitted to speak with her.

The women and girls in the protest parade were both foreigners and Americans. The American flag was carried by an Italian woman. The line of march was to proceed from Castle Hall up Commercial street, along Main to the postoffice, and then return to Castle Hall. The Italian woman in the lead, not knowing that the parade was to turn at the postoffice, led the parade toward the hospital where Mother Jones was held.

The paraders were immediately halted by a troop of cavalry commanded in person by Adjutant General Chase. The soldiers knocked the Italian woman down and pulled the flag out of her hands. Other women ran up and demanded the return of the flag, which was finally given back to them, amid their cheers.

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ilitiamen jabbed bayonets into the backs of women with babes in their arms, and trampled them under the feet of their horses.

Mrs. Margaret Hammond was struck by a militiaman with his fists, cutting her forehead above the left eye, and blackening both eyes.

Another cavalryman slashed a woman with the edge of his saber, almost severing an ear from her head.

Sarah Slater, a 16 year old school girl, told how Adjutant General Chase had kicked her, how another soldier had struck at her with his saber, and how then she was arrested. She swore that she heard Chase give the order to ride the women down, and saw them fall unconscious and bleeding under the hoofs of horses and under the blows of sabers.

These were American women, bearing the American flag.

Any person who objected to this treatment was promptly arrested and taken off to jail. Eight women were thrown into prison, and twelve union men were arrested without warrants. Private lawns were invaded, and persons standing on their own property were ordered off with drawn bayonets. Even government property was not sacred. The troops drove people from the steps of the postoffice.

The streets were then blocked by the militia, and no person was allowed to pass up or down them without a permit from the officers.

Governor Ammons has upheld General Chase in this assault upon the women of Colorado.

### Story of Participant

As to the state of feeling in the comm
the following letter, written by a wealthy

man of Trinidad, to the Seattle Herald, gives an example.

"You can hardly understand the intensity of feeling here. I was in the Mother Jones parade last week in which women were really sabered, kicked down and ridden over by horsemen; several were struck in the face by doubled fists of militia men. They were beaten and driven off the street with bayonets, also the staves of their own destroyed banners. One woman had her forehead cut open by a saber; both her eyes were blacked by the blow. If Chase (the militia leader) had allowed us to march until we got 'leg-weary' and quit, the affair would never have been heard of outside this county; but as it is, I fancy it will be heard of around the world.

"Another night recently we had a tremendous meeting at the opera house, and, going home as quietly and quickly as usual, they clean halls, good speakers. They are not theorizing about woman suffrage. They understand woman hereself, how to sway her mind, enlist her sympathies, get her support.

"Most Socialists do not. The only women with whom they can get along in public life are those who can adapt themselves to the atmosphere and the phrases of Men's meetings. They seem to think that other women are mostly fools."

—Chicago Workers' World.

## PRISON FOR ROSA LUXEMBURG

Rosa Luxemburg of Berlin, one of the leaders of the ultra radical wing of the German Socialists, was sentenced on Feb. 20, to a year's imprisonment. She was convicted of inciting to disobedience of the laws. The charge was based on two inflammatory speeches.

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feet.

"I was here during the last strike, ten

ago, and there is no comparison. Feeling is intense. Union labor in general is ready to fight. They are incensed and outraged, as they should be.

### Miners Arming

"The miners have arms buried in the hills since the militia came, and we hear from good authority that only for the sudden news of congressional investigation, the militia would have been cleaned out of here within two days after the attack on the women's parade. We have a labor paper daily, sustained by the miners' union, but it has been poorly edited until this week, when they got a first class man from Denver. He made a fine start, but today he is in jail. Uhlich is in jail a long time. We go to see him often. Charge is murder of a guard, which occured 20 miles from Uhlich.

"Jan. 29.—Since writing the above our Free Press editor is out of military prison, but he has told me he expects the paper to be suppressed very soon."

## DOES THIS MEAN YOU?

"The Socialists were for suffrage; yet when it was won, they were found to have only a trifling handful of women in their ranks. Their own wives did not belong to the party, and were not schooled in its principles; their meeting places were full of dirt, smoke and smells, in which no woman could feel at ease and only the most heroically devoted would ever venture the second time.

The Roman Catholics were against suffrage, when called upon to meet it, they could with rapid organization, big meetings,

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"No book has a right to exist that has not for its purpose the betterment of mankind, by affording either useful instruction or healthful recreation."— W. J. R.

The keynote of the book is well depicted in the above sentence, found in that form on the title page. It may be necessary to add, however, that the tales afford both "useful instruction" and "healthful recreation."

"If I were not sure that the good done by 'Never-Told Tales' is incomparably greater than the harm which it has caused and may continue to cause occasionally, I would myself consign it to the auto-da-fe."

The book is on sale at The Christian Socialist office, 5457 Drexel av., Chicago, Ill. Buy it at once and read truthful tales, "stronger than fiction." You will not lay the book down until finished.

Every twenty-four hours, more than 14,000 girls are led into delinquency in Chicago's saloons, according to a report of the Department of Philanthropy and Reform of the Chicago South Side Club made through Mrs. Russell H. Opdyke and Mrs. E. M. Hartner. A special woman-investigator was employed to make the canvass.

### Or Perhaps Too Much Hot Air

Secretary of Commerce Redfield blames unemployment on the weather. The panic is doubtless all the fault of spots on the sun.

## EIGHT HOURS FOR WOMEN OF CAPITAL.

(From Congressman C. H. Tavenner.)

Washington, March 10.—When President Wilson signed the La Follette law the other day it marked the first occasion that the eight-hour day for women has been brought into the conservative East. The La Follette law forbids the employment in the District of Columbia of women for longer than eight hours in any one day. Certain employers at once began to discharge women in their employ, but as this is being written the few women who lost their jobs are getting them back again. The short working day really means more employment for women instead of less. Employers now divide their working forces into two shifts. It takes more employes to work the two-shift plan, but the employer finds that each employe is more efficient than formerly, due to the shorter working hours, so that his establishment turns out more work per employe hired than under the old plan.

The city of Washington needed this law. An investigation made before the adoption of the bill showed women working in steam laundries in the hot weather on an average of 12 and 13 hours a day for periods of two and three months. The new law applies to practically all women industrially employed except those in private offices and domestic servants in private homes. Hotel servants are included, and also department store clerks. The law prescribes a six-day week for women and prohibits night work for minors. The best employers of Washington did not oppose the legislation. Clyde H. Tavenner.

## THE RECKONING.

Still longer grows the black account
You write with fingers red,
Masters! who grip at powers that slip,
With steel, and rope, and lead;—
The blood's still wet at Calumet
Your midnight bullets shed.

The drumhead court where fools in sport
Make mockery of law,
That fearful hour of thugs in power
That West Virginia saw;—
The memory stings, where all these things
Have scourged our spirits raw.

Not yet, not yet do we forget
The sidewalk smashed and red,
Where by the locked Triangle door
We piled our blackened dead;
In sullen streets of Paterson
The children still beg bread.

The bloody hells of Lawrence cells,
The dungeons, and the doles;
Those stable walls at Little Falls
That hid our prison holes;
The club and jail and spike and flail—
Their scars are in our souls.

Yet for all these, and tenfold more
Vengeance is not our cry.
God's hand shall bring the reckoning,
When ye who hate shall die;
Red, red the dawn;—but lo, the Day
Brightens across the sky!

—Irwin Tucker.

## SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE IS SABOTAGE FOR THE GANDER

At a protest meeting held in New York, February 12th, to put the case of Frederick Sumner Boyd before the workers of that city, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn stated that the dyers working in the Paterson silk mills were compelled to use in the dye-house not only adulterants to weight the silk, but the very chemicals which Boyd has been sentenced to prison for advocating the use of on the part of the workers. She urged the workers to refuse to do it and practice "open-mouth sabotage"—that is, acquainting buyers with the truth of what they buy.

## DAKOTA DEMOCRATS FOR SUFFRAGE

The Democratic State Convention of North Dakota on February 18 unanimously passed a resolution favoring woman suffrage.

# The Imperative Demand

### By Walter Rauschenbusch

Author of "Christianity and the Social Crisis"
"Christianizing the Social Order," and
"For God and the People;" Professor
of Church History in Rochester
Theological Seminary.

I am heartily glad of the new era of strength and prosperity which has opened for the "Christian Socialist." The paper has exerted a great influence in past years. The road along which great causes move to final success is paved with dead reform newspapers. The pluck of Mr. Carr in keeping the paper going has been worthy of all admiration. Not the least important feature of the new arrangement is that it will take the heart-breaking anxieties off his nerves, and give him a chance to do the evangelistic propaganda work toward which his inclinations have always reached out. We shall all watch with deep interest how the old schooner works, now that she has a new man in command, and an auxiliary oil-fed engine to drive her ahead even against contrary winds.

There is more room than ever for a strong and clear-headed paper that will be outspokenly both Socialist and Christian.

Thousands of Christian people have been aroused to face the social question in recent years. They have realized that there are immense social wrongs to be put right, and that the old type of individualistic religion alone cannot do the job.. Their minds are now open. They need to add to their Christian moral instincts the clear comprehension of the causes of social wrong and misery which Socialism has worked out, and of which it is the most powerful popular exponent. All Socialists who size up human values and forces sanely, must realize that this great body of awakened religious people is at present the most important mission field for Socialism in America.

It is also clear that Christian Socialists have a hold over these people which non-religious [illegible] or anti-religious Socialists can not possibly have. They share the same religious convictions and training. They approach the new questions from the same starting points. They commend the debatable new ideas by their recognized Christian character and standing. So they have far more persuasive force and can do the work for which materialistic Socialists have often thoroughly disqualified themselves.

**Not Half-Baked, But Baked on Both Sides.**

But the mission of Christian Socialism is not only to the Church; it has a mission to the world-wide movement of Socialism too.

A good many Socialists regard religious Socialists as half-baked and poorly finished; as backward comrades who have not yet attained the higher levels of scientific thought, and have not yet shed the outgrown folderols of religion. They are willing to tolerate our religious prejudices if we will coax the religious people over into the Socialist camp for them.

For my part I am not anxious to see Christian Socialism used as a tool in that fashion. It is not we who are half-baked. If two Socialists have otherwise the same degree of intellectual ability and the same grasp of Socialist teachings, but if one of them has never had religious training or conviction, while the other is a really religious personality, the letter is likely to be the stronger, richer, and more capacious personality, and therefore also the greater force for Socialism.

We can well understand the historical grievances which have driven great bodies of European Socialists to turn away from the Church entirely. We can also understand why men who are working hard for the bare necessities of life feel that they have no time or means to cultivate the spiritual qualities of their life. But in either case a life stripped of religious influences is abnormal and pitiable, and is no more to be held up as the standard than an ear which has no musical sense. Non-religious Socialism is raw and undeveloped socialism, which has angrily flung aside some of the most precious possessions of humanity because they are also part of the common property of the society which Socialism is seeking to revolutionize. If in coming times Socialism wants to satisfy the whole nature [illegible] of man, offer a rounded philosophy of life, and utilize all forces for good, it will have to make place once more for religion. Even now there are indications that in those countries where Socialism has had time to mature, the second generation has begun to realize that religious forces are necessary for the training of youth and the deeper satisfaction of our spiritual cravings.

I think, too, that a good many Socialists in their propaganda work have run up against the prejudice which the anti-religious attitude of other Socialists has created for them, and have wished that the older generation of Socialists had had more sense. There are sections of our country where the whole community has been corked up tight against Socialist ideas because some old-time Socialist sceptic mixed his Socialism with an equal proportion of dogmatic infidelity. It takes years sometimes to undo that kind of foolishness.

**Errors of the Comrades.**

Socialists have not been so wise in their tactics that they can afford to despise the advice of religious men who are in closer touch than they with large bodies of our population. In the early stages of Socialist propaganda in England its exponents supposed that they would have to make their chief appeal to the ragged proletariat of the poor, and they got in wrong with the better paid and intellectually capable men of the trade unions. Later on when the co-operative movement sprang up in England they belittled that as a futile effort to establish co-operative methods in the midst of competitive society, and so got in wrong again with a great body of sober and able men who ought to have been the fast friends and allies of the Socialist movement. In the same way Socialists have made the vastest blunder in tactics in this country in the contemptuous bitterness with which some of them have antagonized the democratic Protestant churches of this country. It was right that they should wake them up, but the spirit in which they have treated the churches has gone far beyond a reasonable remonstrance.

From the point of view of Socialism there is no greater sin than to hinder the free progress of Socialist convictions. But Socialists have often stood in the way of Socialism, just as church people have stood in the way of Christianity, and through the same qualities of human prejudice and sectarianism. The blunder would probably have been much more extensive if there had not been so many Christian men in the Socialist movement in this country, and if they had not taken so valuable a part in the propaganda. But those men who are doing the main work of interpreting the economic ideas of Socialism to the thirty-seven million church members in America have a right to ask that their work shall not be made needlessly difficult.

Christian Socialists therefore have to perform a very important service to the two great movements with which they are identified—the Christian religion and Socialism. They must show the church the wider economic and social application of its own gospel. They must carry into the propaganda of Socialism the moral appeal, the persuasiveness, and the balance of temper which they derive from their religious training. Christianity and Socialism are the oldest and the youngest of the idealistic forces at work in our civilization. The future lies, not with those who choose either of the two and reject the other, but with those who can effect the completest amalgamation of the two.

## THE CRY OF UNBELIEF.

Sheer atheism could go no further than the charges freely made by anti-Socialist speakers that "Socialism will exile God from His universe." From many a pulpit and from many [illegible] a church platform is this assertion made, and every time it is made it brands him who makes it as an unbeliever.

For how can Socialism affect God, if God really is? To say "Socialism exiles God" is to confess that the speaker believes God to be a hallucination, a polite convention, depending on recognition for his very life. "If we refuse to speak to Him, or admit that He is there, He will fade away"—such is the haunting conviction back in the heads of these blasphemers who profane pulpit, Bible and stole.

If every human being on this earth agreed that there is no God tomorrow, would that abolish God? Would it exile Him from His universe? Would the sun collapse into shriveled dust, and the earth puff away like smoke upon the moon-beams? Would the heaven rend and tear and the stars drop into the nethermost nadir?

What effect would it have upon the laws of God? Would the winter and summer, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, day and night, fail from their seasons? Would the universe cease in its orbits because men denied God? No, surely; "though we are faithless, He abideth faithful; He cannot deny Himself."

Yet there is something to be said for the statement. The kind of God which such whimperers profess will be exiled. A hallucination, a shadow, a convention, a mask of good form, a briber of naughty children with murderous favors, a corrupt judge whose favor can be bought by profession of acquaintance with his son—this God, or this painted shadow of a past conviction which has outworn its day—this God will be exiled.

But the God whose energy sustains the universe, and gives its substance to every grain of dust; the God whose ceaseless love burns pure behind the vesture that he wears; whose strong will drives comets and tames the evening winds—this God we shall come to know and to love; we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as he is.

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**Joseph Fels Dies**

Joseph Fels, millionaire single tax advocate at his home in Philadelphia [illegible] the mor[illegible] Washington's birthday.

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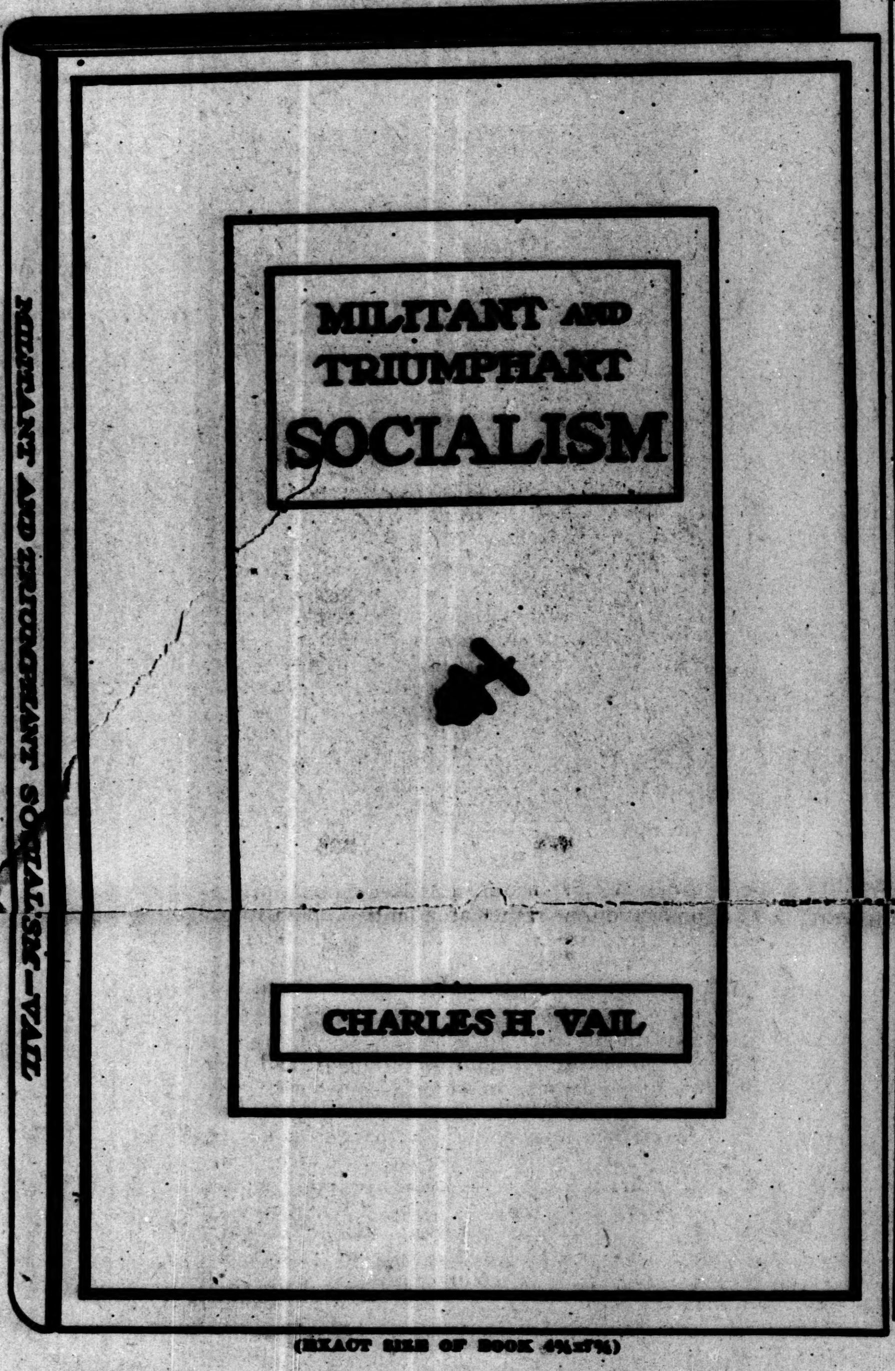
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# Tragedy of the Income Tax

There is much weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth over the new income tax law, which went into effect March 1. On the final days of grace every internal revenue office in the larger cities was crowded with men and women making their returns; for one of the teeth of the income tax law is the provision that any one who dodges the tax, or fails to report in full, will be liable to a double tax immediately on discovery.

To judge by the space given the tax proceedings in the daily press, one would think that the Income Tax is a great national issue. But one of the startling facts revealed it is that barely one per cent of the population have any concern with the income tax. Only those incomes which exceed $3,000 for a single person and $4,000 for married persons are subjected to the tax; and out of the hundred million persons living in these United States, a bare million have any interest in the income tax; for only 420,000 incomes are large enough to receive the attention of the internal revenue tax collector, and not more than 1,000,000 persons live on these incomes.

Glance at the diagram on this page. The huge black column to the right represents the income of an infinitesimal fraction of the population. Twenty incomes tower up and beyond this column; for the limit of the page's space was $10,000,000 a year.

Between the huge black column and the first little black square there range 200 incomes, which amount to between one million and ten million a year.

**Think this over.** Ten million dollars a year means $27,397 a day; $1,142 an hour; $19 every minute of every day and every night. Twenty people in this country get more than that; 200 people get almost that.

Five hundred people possess incomes of between $500,000 and one million a year.

Two thousand people possess incomes of $100,000 to $500,000 a year.

Ten thousand people possess incomes of $50,000 to $100,000.

Twenty-one thousand people possess incomes of $30,000 to $50,000.

Seventy-five thousand people possess incomes of $20,000 to $30,000.

One hundred thousand people possess incomes of $10,000 to $20,000.

Two hundred thousand people possess incomes of $5,000 to $10,000.

While five hundred thousand people possess incomes of $1,000 to $5,000.

More than 50,000 of those in this last class are below the level of the income tax. The half million in the latter class includes all who are in the classes above it.

While 18,341,380 persons, or three fourths of the wage earning population, receive incomes averaging $480 a year.

Just contrast the two extremes a moment.

Twenty persons receive more than $10,000,000 a year. This means for these twenty persons more than $200,000,000 a year income. Call it $250,000,000 a year, which is well inside the limit.

Nearly twenty million persons receive less than $500 a year; call it $500 for short. In the aggregate they receive $10,000,000 a year.

Twenty persons receive 250 million dollars.

Twenty million persons receive ten million dollars.

### Largest Incomes in New York

The following table shows the estimated yearly income tax of some of the richest men and women of New York City:

| | Estimated Yearly Income. | Tax. |
|---|---|---|
| John D. Rockefeller.. | $100,000,000 | $6,000,000 |
| Andrew Carnegie ...: | 15,000,000 | 900,000 |
| William Rockefeller .. | 13,000,000 | 800,000 |
| George F. Baker ....: | 5,000,000 | 200,000 |
| William A. Clark .... | 4,000,000 | 240,000 |
| J. P. Morgan estate .. | 7,500,000 | 450,000 |
| Mrs. E. H. Harriman . | 3,400,000 | 210,000 |
| W. K. Vanderbilt .... | 2,500,000 | 150,000 |
| Vincent Astor ....... | 3,700,000 | 225,000 |
| Jay Gould estate .... | 3,700,000 | 225,000 |
| Mrs. Hetty Green .... | 3,000,000 | 180,000 |
| W. H. Moore ....... | 2,500,000 | 150,000 |
| Arthur C. James ..... | 2,500,000 | 150,000 |
| Robert Goelet estate . | 3,000,000 | 180,000 |
| Thomas F. Ryan .... | 2,500,000 | 150,000 |

Glance at the lower left hand corner of the page. You see there a long row of tiny dots. Each of those represents the income of the AVERAGE AMERICAN FAMILY.

Think that over for several minutes, to be sure you get it right.

Eighteen million, and more, incomes in this country annually average $480. Three fourths of the working population of the country subsist upon an average income of less than enough to support them in decency, according to the standard taken by the United States Bureau of Labor.

The long row of dots represents the average income of those who have produced all the wealth included in the whole diagram; including every dollar that is piled up in the huge right hand column. There is nothing in this country of any exchange value that is not produced by human labor applied to natural resources. Not one dollar of that $19 which the receivers of the great income get with every minute that goes by, was made by any other power that the sweat and labor of those whose income is represented by the tiny dots.

### All Based on a Claim

All of this income is based upon private possession, or rather an admitted claim to private possession, of some social necessity. Railroad stocks and bonds, real estate, mines, industrial holdings, public utilities, make up the source of each one of the great incomes.

Without labor to accomplish and brain to direct, no value would be produced, and these claims to possession would be worthless. The labor which produces, and the brain which directs the production, are not the labor and the brain of those who receive the value. They are hired labor and hired brains. Flabby muscles, muscles unused to intelligent exertion; vapid brains, brains unable to think thoughts useful to the human race which yields so vast a tribute; brains unable to do anything but move around counters in the vast game of investment gambling—these are they which receive the worshipful tribute of our intelligence and our labor.

Gazing at this diagram, who dares assert that we live in a Democracy?

Gazing at this diagram, who dares venture that such a condition can long endure?

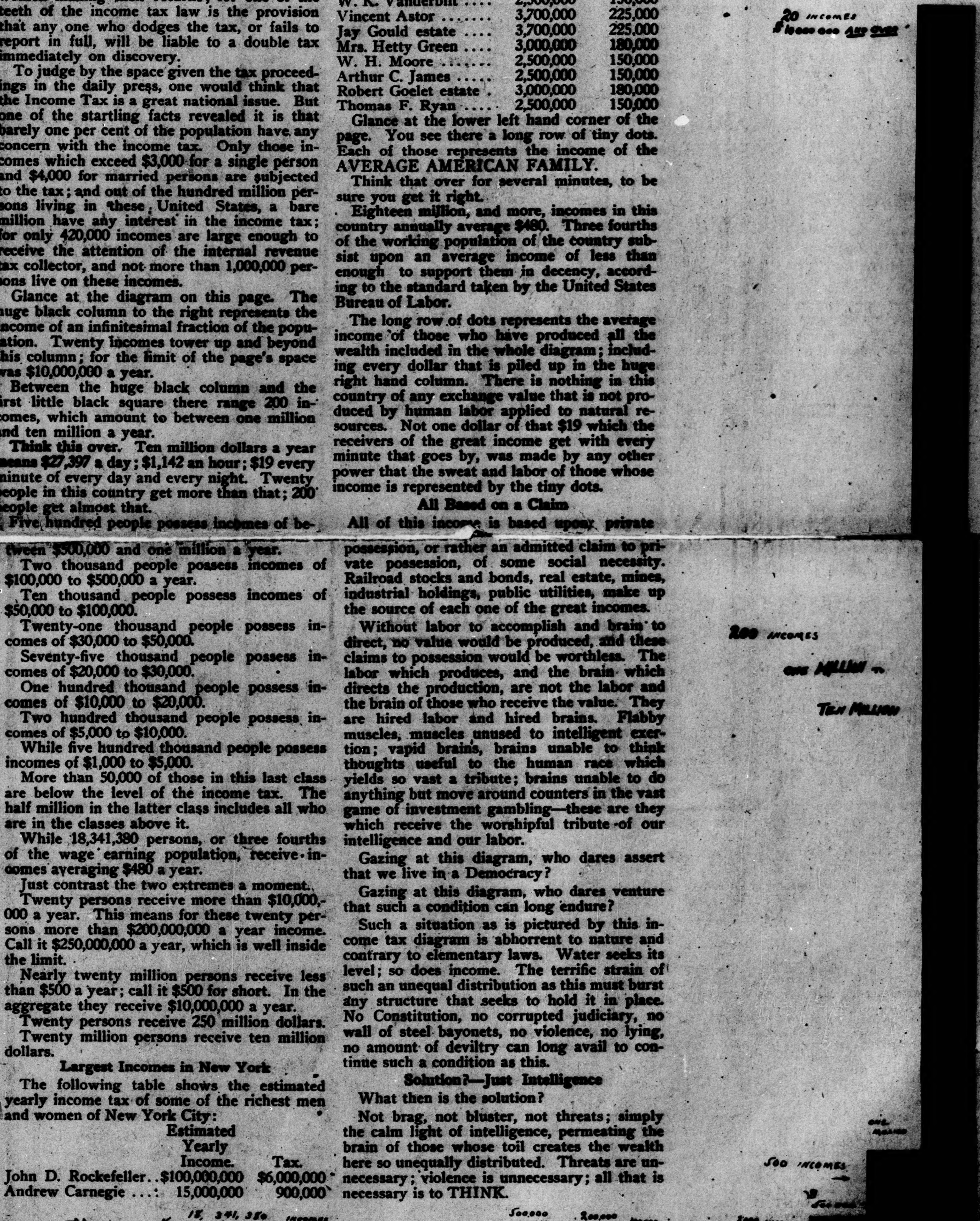
Such a situation as is pictured by this income tax diagram is abhorrent to nature and contrary to elementary laws. Water seeks its level; so does income. The terrific strain of such an unequal distribution as this must burst any structure that seeks to hold it in place. No Constitution, no corrupted judiciary, no wall of steel bayonets, no violence, no lying, no amount of deviltry can long avail to continue such a condition as this.

### Solution?—Just Intelligence

What then is the solution?

Not brag, not bluster, not threats; simply the calm light of intelligence, permeating the brain of those whose toil creates the wealth here so unequally distributed. Threats are unnecessary; violence is unnecessary; all that is necessary is to THINK.

For when the workers have thought, and pondered, and gazed again and again at the situation here revealed, the query must come into their minds; timidly at first, then growing thundering loud; "Why do we do it?"



# THE NATION'S PULSE

Drawn by Ann C. Coles.

**By**

**CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL**

Washington, D. C.

If any thoughtful patriot desires a satisfying glimpse of his government as it really is conducted and the controlling influences as they really are, here is the best chance I know of.

Except in war time we have had no president since Jackson who has wielded anything like the power that President Wilson wields.

The fact isn't palatable to those who prefer the representative form of government and object to one man rule, but is plain enough to anyone not congenitally blind. When President Wilson instituted his system of the Secret Caucus he abolished the representative form of government, and when he wrecked the Civil Service he got the full measure of the abnormal power he now sways.

Still, he has many eulogists; mostly of the thick and thin variety—thick preferred. Some of these protest that the practically unlimited power now exercised by the president is a triumph of intellect.

Why, yes: if giving out post offices is intellect.

The senators and representatives who so docilely obey the president's orders, do so with inward groanings and cursings. But it is either obey or give up all hope of patronage.

You might as well ask them to give up life itself

### Professionally Good

President Wilson is of the class of Professional Good Men whose moral eminence and reforming proclivities are certified by their university diplomas and membership in a Greek letter fraternity.

Yet he has done more in one year to break down the barrier against the spoils system than any other president we have had since Grant. And, in plain terms, that is the secret of his power, and its only source.

The most singular and sinister exhibition of it so far has been given in regard to the repeal of the exemption of American ships from Panama canal tolls.

All the Democrats in the Senate except four voted for this exemption. The Democratic National Convention declared for it. The Democrats who voted for it still believe in it, and want it. But at a word from the president they backtrack upon their convictions and the facts, and favor the repeal.

This will look all the stranger if you care to note another fact. President Wilson says that treaty obligations bind us to effect this repeal.

There is not one word in any extant treaty that places upon us the slightest obligation to anything of the kind. This is the absolute fact, no matter what you may have heard.

Then what is all this?

Pacific railroads; that's all. Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; that's all. The Controlling Interests at [illegible]; that's all.

The repeal of the exemption would help to cripple the canal and favor the railroads and this is a railroad administration; that's all.

### Hence Bryan's Gloom.

The president's idea seems to be that the party's platform is binding and means something, only when it agrees with his convenience and notions.

I learn from unquestionable authority that this view arouses no kind of enthusiasm in the breast of the secretary of state. Because if Mr. Wilson can upset the declaration about Panama tolls, how about the declaration against a second presidential term? What?

Pain over this suggestion is now acute in eminent quarters. They had a quiet little dinner the other night out at Mr. Bryan's house, to start off in good shape the quadrennial boom of the Peerless Leader. Surviving members of the Bryan Veteran Corps paraded into the dining room and told how, when they were little boys, their grandfathers had taken them to Bryan meetings. Brother Charley was there beaming upon each battle-scarred hero as he got a second helping of grape-juice and pie. It was unanimously agreed that to secure Mr. Bryan's nomination in 1916, was the highest duty of the freeman, and the only way to save the country. But I am told that in spite of all this the feast was somewhat funereal. The same awful thought weighed upon every heart.

If the declaration for free tolls was bunk, what was the declaration for one term?

### But Benton Was Rich

Official Washington has been in a state of mind all this week over the killing at Juarez of William S. Benton, the rich English planter. The British government has made representations with which you are familiar from the daily despatches, and the president and Mr. Bryan have worried about the situation and their answers.

But nobody has pointed out the strange fact that while this is by no means the first British subject who has been killed in Mexico since the present upheaval began, it is the first time the British government has made fuss about such an incident.

The others were railroad employes or penniless clerks. This man was of enormous wealth. That's the difference.

Brethren, it is sweet and lovely to pretend that under the existing system government is conducted for the poor as well as the rich, but the sham doesn't wear very well under any test, does it?

### And the Country is Unmoved

The most potent fact of these times is the difference between things as they really are and things as they are pretended to be. The spread of information about the realities of government is not swift enough to foster any howling enthusiasm, but it must be confessed that in regard to this Mexico business, the country has come to understand pretty well the essential facts in the situation. The shrieking appeals of the jingoes and kept press for intervention and war meet with no response, except a derisive grin. The generality of men know well enough that the whole trouble in Mexico is nothing but a struggle between the Pearson Oil Interests of England and the Standard Oil Interests of this country. Intervention would mean merely that we were fighting on the side of one or the other of these gigantic organizations. This is the first time in my observation that one of these inside facts in public affairs has become widely known, and the sign is full of encouragement.

### The Senate Very Busy

With conditions of unemployment and poverty worse than they have ever been known in this country, and with every sign of growing and formidable discontent among the masses of people, the Senate of the United States found time the other day to debate a proposal to refund to a wealthy gentleman $50 for a hunting license that he had secured and never used. He was a friend of a Senator, whose fount of eloquence on this subject seemed perennial and irresistible.

When some of our leading statesmen had for about two hours unburdened their souls on this thrilling topic, Senator Thomas of Colorado, who has good sense and a dry humor, remarked that as the debate up to that point had cost the people of the United States $500 for the printing of it, he suggested that either the Senator's friend get his $50 or be invited to go hence with his claim, and right shortly; as the present investment in talk didn't seem to promise much in the way of profit.

This illlustrates in a way the singular fact that the majority of both houses are gentlemen without the slightest idea of prevailing conditions, nor of the country's rapidly growing suspicions concerning Congressional bunk.

The good old days in which Senator Foozlem could thrust his hand into his breast, utter ponderous periods about nothing, and get away with the dope that he is a great man, are about over. It isn't attitudinizing that will go now, but action. There has been a wonderful change in the last few years concerning the public estimate of our renowned leaders. We no longer look with awed eyes and open mouth of reverence upon a gentleman with a long black coat and a black tie, and think he is of divine wisdom, just because he happens to be in Congress. He has to give us some better reason than that. We are nearly on to this statesman fake, and instead of occasioning awe it merely gives a pain.

There are sixteen men in Congress, counting both houses, who perceive this great truth. The rest never suspect it, but go their way serene in the belief that they can put over the old stuff, just as they did before the war or in some other antique period. While men like Heflin in the house and John Sharp Williams in the senate are posing and prancing around the capitol, sunning themselves in the light of their own greatness, the country slides down hill. What's the answer?

### Manipulated Statistics

In the House committee this week the shipbuilding combination succeeded in putting over its gouge and $15,000,000 are appropriated for two more junk-heap battleships. This ought to make business good for the Morgan Group, which controls the ship-building industry, as well as about everything else in sight.

The sign, however, is not so important as the fact that at the committee's hearings the governments statistics and documents were shown to be faked, or colored, in the interest of more battleships; and that in spite of this astounding revelation the champions of fat appropriations got away with their scheme.

The manner in which the disclosures about these government documents were concealed or glossed over for the country was one of the cleverest bits of maneuvering we have seen in a long time, and shows that the gentlemen in control have lost nothing of their cunning. The only conclusion to be drawn from the testimony before the committee was that the government was helping the ship-builders to influence public opinion for battleship contracts. You might think that this was a fairly interesting fact, if it is a fact, for the people of this country to know. But the manipulated news channels gave them no chance to find it out. What do we really know about our goverment?

### Anything to Keep Sailors Slaves

The shipping interests and certain [illegible] influences continue to hold up the Seamen's Safety bill of Andrew Furuseth and the fate of the measure is extremely doubtful. No measure more just, reasonable and humane was ever introduced in Congress, and if it is killed we should understand that it is killed solely in the interest of greed and profits. Steamship owners would rather take the chance of killing people than spend additional money for safety. Yet some of them must have already spent about as much to kill this bill as it would cost them if it were enacted. This may seem improbable, but I believe it to be true. The cost of the great and active lobby that for many months has infested Washington and worked against the safety measure must have been enormous, and still it is but an item in the total account. I don't know how the savagery of profits could go much farther. Incidentally, observe that six months after all the upheaval about lobbying, it is shown to be in full swing as of yore. The committee that investigated this evil has just published in eight huge volumes its testimony and findings.

What's the use?

Charles Edward Russell.

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## WILSON PITIES POOR DEAR RAILROADS.

**Socialist Party Press Service.**

**By Lucien Saint.**

In the fight of the railroads for a five per cent advance in freight rates, President Wilson has definitely sided with the railroads and against the public. Wilson wants the railroads to have their five per cent freight increase because the railroads say that they need it. In cautiously worded emanations from the White House, "it is learned," "it is authoritatively stated," "it is rumored," that Wilson believes that "business confidence" will be restored if the Interstate Commerce Commission grants the requested increase. Wilson has not made any definite public statement to this effect, but he has authorized the publication of matter which has indicated plainly that he desires the raise. Everyone in Washington knows that this is the fact of the case, though the impression is given out that the President is not interfering.

The fact of the railroad situation today is that the roads of this country are trembling on the verge of receiverships. It is known in Washington that if the five per cent freight rate increase is not granted, at least two great railroad systems will be declared bankrupt. High finance, wasteful methods of operation, graft to allied private industries, and general incompetence are, of course, to blame.

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## AMERICANIZING THE ALIEN.

The New York State Department of Labor in an annual report, states that "Camps on public works where the immigrants are employed are devoid of any Americanizing influences. With few exceptions there are no recreations other than those afforded by the saloon, and no educational or religious influences. The men are crowded into the barest shanties and hovels, with no sanitary provisions or the decencies of life. The greed of the bosses crowd them into quarters which soon become vermin and germ-ridden. Remember that immigrants often come into these camps direct from the steamers and gain their first impressions of America from these camps."

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## WANT JUDGE DAYTON REMOVED.

President Wilson has been petitioned by miners of West Virginia to remove Alston Gorman Dayton, Judge of the Northern District of West Virginia, because of his utter disregard of constitutional rights and prejudice against union miners. The miners declare that he is so absolutely under the influence of corporation interest that he has made a travesty of justice.

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### Fighting High Rents

Ten thousand tenants of Montreal will camp in the streets May 1 in protest against the prevailing high rentals, if plans of the Tontine Benefit Society are carried through. The Tontine society, which consists mainly of Hebrews, will be supplemented by a similar society, consisting of Christians. It is stated that rents in Montreal are the highest upon the American continent.

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# THE MORALS of USURY

## By Thomas C. Hall

**Professor of Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, New York City.**

Comrade Hervey K. Fiske of Utica, N. Y., writes as follows:

"The Bible plainly condemns interest and increase, yet a study of social development shows us that at a certain point, further progress was absolutely dependent on the ascendency of the commercial class, who necessarily practiced those things. I accept in large measure the distinction between absolute and relative truth, and yet I wonder if a Christian who accepted the Bible teaching concerning interest should have insisted upon it at the beginning of the capitalistic epoch. The Catholic Church enforced that law as far as possible, but in so doing opposed the merchant class, which was the dominant factor of progress at that time. Was such a course ethically right or wrong?"

The question is answered in the following article by Prof. Hall.

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## THE MORALS OF USURY.

Christian feeling has suffered in two ways by the superficial treatment of usury. The supersensitive conscience in the toils of literature and authority, has found difficulty in any reasonable adjustment of the teaching of the Bible itself on this subject. Deuteronomy 23:20 permits usury in the case of dealing with the "stranger," or foreigner, but forbids it in the case of a "brother," or fellow tribesman. There is, of course, no difference between the word interest (nashak) and usury. On the other hand the tone of both the prophets and the psalmist is against all interest (Isaiah 24:2, Jeremiah 15:10, Psalms 15:5, Proverbs 28:8) and in Leviticus interest is absolutely forbidden as between fellow tribesmen.

But in Luke 19:23 and the corresponding passage in Matthew (25:27) Jesus makes the returning nobleman reprove his servant for not putting out his talent to interest, and seems to utter no word of reproof in regard to this demand.

Nor is the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church any more decisive. Thomas Aquinas involves himself in the twofold use of the word "usura" and only condemns excessive interest (legal usury), nor did the Church in the Middle Ages ever seriously set herself to stop the taking of interest; indeed, Rome herself was a center of usury, and monasteries and churches lived off it.

When we come to Luther we also see plainly the confused and untenable positions into which his primitive conceptions of our ethical relations to one another led him. It is true that he denounces all interest, but he also makes all industry and export and import impossible. And while he denounces the "monopolia" of the great merchants' guilds as sinful and pagan, he defends with the same breath the landed monopoly of the great feudal lords. And it is noteworthy that his Scriptural arguments are drawn for the most part from the Old Testament and the Apocrypha.

Thus we see external authority has left the Christian conscience stranded just where it most needed guidance.

The second injury Christian feeling has suffered is that conscience unguided has been left to accept all the evils of recurring economic stages without effective protest or reasonable help. What Luther denounces in his powerful tract, "Von Kaufhandlung and Wucher," and in his sermon against interest was evil, and remains evil. But he missed the real source of the evil in the economic structure of our human relationships.

### Cannot Separate Service from Exploitation

Interest is a complicated product of our economic structure. It has both moral and immoral elements in it, but we cannot as individuals separate the two. The evil element is the monopoly in a few private hands of the social values that belong to all. This monopoly enables the lenders to charge "interest," or "ground rent," or "profits," to those who must have access to those values for a living. Interest is, however, also a legitimate charge for service rendered, and the two elements cannot be dogmatically separated. Indeed, under existing circumstances, no one knows, or can know, how far "interest" is paid for by service rendered, and how far it is an exaction due solely to monopoly.

For instance, Hull House Settlement and Union Theological Seminary are maintained by endowments. That is to say, the community is taxed on its labor to the extent of the return upon those endowments. Most thinking persons would admit that these two institutions are trying to render back to the community a full return for this support in social service. But as a matter of fact the community has no way of expressing its mind on this point. What ought to be a free-will offering is really an exaction, because buildings, land, and endowment have been generously bestowed upon these institutions by well-wishers to the community, who had a legal right to do anything they pleased with the taxing power involved in ownership of large social values. Communal tradition and law has given to private individuals the sole right of access to the social values involved in land, the natural resources, the social machinery of society.—These social values are the object of a severe social competition and he who owns, or wins, or inherits has the right to tax the community in the form of ground rent, dividends, or interest upon bonds. He may also bestow these rights upon churches, settlements, or his children and friends, and if he "invests" wisely the community as a producing working whole will continue to the end of time, under existing tradition, to pay this tax or endowment.

### Change the Whole System.

It is evident that no refusal to accept interest by an individual can alter the evil. We all pay and accept interest, whether we like it or not. The minister is supported by pew-rents, the college by "endowments," newspapers by subscriptions whose origin may be in interest, and none of us knows or can know whether we pay for our daily bread in service to the community, or whether we are parasites or semi-parasitic dependents upon the life-struggle of the producing communal life. It is a very unpleasant situation for rich and poor alike, and individual extrication is quite impossible. Least of all can it be useful to attack one small aspect of the evil, like interest on a loan of money, and swallow the whole social system with its unethical legal traditions.

Thomas C. Hall.

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## PERSON MAKING FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE

Carl E. Person, strike leader of the Illinois Central shopmen, is making a fight for his life in the columns of his jail-edited paper, the Strike Bulletin, published in Clinton, Ill. Person faces a charge of murder in the first degree, having killed a 200-pound strike breaker, Person himself weighing but 135, after a terrible struggle. Person writes:

"The strike on the Illinois Central is unpopular with the people of Clinton. The Illinois Central is the big industry of the city.

The mayor of the city of Clinton is the surgeon of the Illinois Central.

"Immediately after my arrest I asked to be photographed. I wanted to preserve an exact picture of the physical effect of the terrible beating that I had been subjected to. Fair play demanded that this right be not denied me. It was only justice to me—justice according to law. Yet in the name of the people the sheriff refused to grant this request. Then the evening paper came out with a story that I was not injured and that the doctor that attended me did not even sew up my head, so slight was the wound. Of course, the reason the doctor gave for not sewing up my head on his first visit to me, was that he was afraid of an infection and was compelled to leave the wound open so it would have a free drainage.

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## "FOR I WAS IN PRISON AND YE VISITED ME"

John D. Cowan, a prisoner in the Fede[illegible] Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kans., writes:

"The Christian Socialist is the source [illegible] much pleasant inspiration and comfort to [illegible] while serving time here in the Federal pri[illegible] for a crime against capitalism. The pa[illegible] also read and enjoyed by many other pri[illegible] ers, workingmen like myself, whose [illegible] entirely one against [illegible]

# The Christian Socialist FELLOWSHIP

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## TO ALL FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS

Here in far-away Florida I hear of my election to the work of general secretary of the Christian Socialist Fellowship, following the resignation of our beloved Dr. Bliss. I am extremely sorry that he could not find time to devote himself to the work of the Fellowship, for he would have proved a great blessing to the cause. But since he could not devote himself to the work, he felt it necessary to resign the office, and the honor conferred upon me by the general executive committee of twenty-five, in electing me general secretary to fill the vacancy until the general conference of 1915, is much appreciated. I accept the office as a sacred trust, and as a great opportunity to serve the cause of Christian Socialism.

Having made engagements to lecture in Florida before the changes in the Fellowship were proposed, I can not return to the office at Chicago until the Florida engagements are met, which will be the latter part of April. Mrs. Carr, however, who will be my office assistant for the present, will return home soon, and will take up the Fellowship correspondence and carry it on vigorously. Be patient with us till we get back to the home workshop. After that we hope your letters will receive prompt attention. Meanwhile write to us at Chicago. Your letters will be forwarded to us, and we will do the best we can in the circumstances.

### Our Faith

The Christian Socialist Fellowship was organized eight years ago, and has had many vicissitudes—natural difficulties arising from extreme religious conservatism among church people; opposition from anti-religious Socialists who could not even see the tactical propaganda value of reaching church people with the Socialist message; efforts of those who desired a "come-out" Socialist church and tried to force the Fellowship to desert its inter-demoninational ideals and become a sectarian body opposed to other churches; the neglect of many who should have been more active; the mistakes and follies so common to us all, and "perils of false brethren." Nevertheless, the Fellowship still lives, and has done a vast amount of good—more than any of us know, and more than most of us dream. And our faith in the future usefulness of the Fellowship is greater than ever.

Already hopeful signs appear. During the last three months, incidental to lecture trips which were undertaken for other purposes, several new Fellowship centers have been formed, and there are several other new ones in sight. The work is not difficult, if loyally undertaken, and if the money may be had for expenses of traveling, organizing and office correspondence.

We are not entering this work with the enthusiasm we felt eight years ago, but a clearer understanding of the work to be done born of original convictions and confirmed by the history of the Fellowship, and with a grim determination to give the original ideals and plans of the Fellowship a fair and earnest trial. We have no doubt of the results, if the needful work is done.

### What We Ask

No general officers can accomplish satisfactory results without the earnest support of the members in the field. If you are interested, please write us concerning conditions at your place. Is there a Fellowship there? If so, please send us the names and addresses of the officers and some of the leading members.

If there is no Fellowship at your place, please send us the names and addresses of all local ministers who are real Socialists, and of all who are "both Christians and Socialists," whether they be church members or party members, or not.

And, if you have interest and faith enough to attempt organizing a Fellowship without help from outside, write us all about the situation and we will tell you how to proceed to get the best results.

### Money Needed

In order that we may have printed the needful circulars of instruction concerning organization, pay postage on a large correspondence, secure needful stationery, send out monthly bulletins to the general executive committee and center secretaries concerning motions, votes, reports, etc., and have means to assist in actual organization throughout [illegible], a considerable amount of money is needed. A [illegible] of the Fellowship has guaranteed the general secretary's salary for this year; but this will not meet the other expenses of the work.

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## WOMAN'S DAY

March 19 is celebrated by the International Socialist Party as Woman's Day. Chief among the demands of the social revolution is economic emancipation of woman, giving her control of her own womanhood. This can be achieved not by masculine condescension, nor by feminine aggression, but only by human understanding.

Therefore we urge each one—you—who have confidence in this work and earnestly desire its real and permanent success, to send at once what money you can, be it little or much, to carry on this great work of re-organization and organization of the Fellowship in every state of the union and throughout Canada.

Send all money to the general treasurer, Edwin Markham, West New Brighton, N. Y.

All reports of local conditions, of center activities and all requests for literature, organizers and lecturers should be sent to us at 5457 Drexel ave., Chicago.

Fraternally and hopefully,
E. E. CARR, Gen. Sec.

## TAMPA CENTER ORGANIZED

The newly elected general secretary, Comrade E. E. Carr, held five meetings at Tampa, Florida, the latter part of February, which resulted in much good., besides the organization of a promising center. Among the members are several persons of courage, devotion and ability who will doubtless push the work to success. The president is Mrs. W. A. Riggs; the secretary, J. W. Brown; the treasurer, Fred. J. Wolf. Among the stronger members are Rev. A. L. Anderson, acting pastor of the Congregational church, and Dan Robinson, a well-known business man and prominent Socialist party worker.

Although coming into competition with two of the best numbers in the winter lyceum course and with the great Gasparilla carnival, the meetings were an inspiration to many. Mrs. Ella Carr acted as advance agent, seeing the preachers and the local comrades, and arranging for the meetings. The first two meetings, held in the large Baptist Tabernacle, were attended by several hundred people; but the expense of rent and necessary advertising was too great for our financial resources, so that the remaining three meetings were held in the courthouse, a very convenient and commodious place. Comrade Carr also addressed the preachers, who held a special meeting for that purpose which, it is reported, was more largely attended than their regular meeting.

Mrs. Ella Carr was invited to address the Women's Club, which she did with happy results. She also delivered a lecture on Social Salvation at the Congregational Church on Sunday night. The people were so interested that they remained until a late hour asking questions.

There is reason to hope that soon centers will be organized in St. Petersburg and Ruskin, in which case Hillsboro County will feel the strong beneficent force of Christian Socialism putting new life, enthusiasm, and gladness into the Socialist movement there.

# What "They" Say
## REPORTS and COMMENTS
By Charles L. Breckon

NOTICE—It seems necessary to call attention to the fact that the comrades in ordering extra bundles of The Christian Socialist do not give themselves sufficient time for delivery of same. We get frequent orders for bundles either in the far eastern states or away out west, with the request that we get same to them by such and such a date. Counting from the time the letter reaches us, and the distance, the fastest trains could not get the papers through in the time desired. Remember, comrades, that papers are second class matter, and all such going out of Chicago for far distant points travel a part of their journey by "Fast Freight." Allowance must be made for this. Get your orders in early so that there will be no disappointments.

The manner in which orders are coming in is gratifying indeed. The comrades are picking up the idea of using The Christian Socialist in the party as the one best means of reaching the church people. One comrade sends for a bundle which he has arranged, through the medium of some active boys, to sell at the church doors after the close of a service. We have asked him to write in and tell us the result of his experiment. The following brief paragraphs are culled from letters coming to this office, and indicate something of the manner in which the comrades are using The Christian Socialist:

J. K. M. Eysing, Bowbells, N. Dak.: "Please find inclosed $1.00. I wish I could send you a million dollars for subscribers. If the Socialist would only stop talking anti-Christian religion, Socialism would go forward much stronger."

The Upland, Ind., local orders 400 copies of "The Mark of the Beast." They propose to use them among the church people as the best possible propaganda material.

Mrs. J. D. Myers, Coquille, Ore., sends in a list of five subscribers, and explains how the papers are distributed for reading from home to home. This comrade had some of the neighborhood folks make tatting to pay for the paper.

Henry F. Thomas, Providence, R. I., orders a big bundle of papers. He has newsboys sell these at the church doors.

Eugene Pence, Oakland, Cal.: "I believe The Christian Socialist is a growing power for good in the land. May its distribution be greatly increased."

R. D. McCluny, Beaver, Pa., sends $2.00 for eight six-month subscriptions, four of whom are for attorneys and one for a state's attorney. Thus will we reach the legal lights.

James Le Brocq, Halifax, Can.: "Have just finished reading 'Militant and Triumphant Socialism.' It is a great book—the best I ever read. Inclosed find $1.00 for two more copies."

Samuel Perce, Radersburg, Mont.: "I inclose $10 for The Christian Socialist to use for the best interest of Socialism. Invest it all in Socialism, not in dishes."

T. A. Scott, Flint, Mich.: "I started out to canvass for The Christian Socialist and on the first day out picked up six. Inclosed find $3.00."

F. H. Smith, Haxtum, Colo.: "I am interested in the way you handle the fundamental truths concerning the attitude of God's laws and Jesus Christ with regard to Christian Socialism. I am going to do all I can for the Kingdom of God on earth."

J. A. Sivits, Connellsville, Pa.: "Send the Feb. 1 issue. It is the best I ever read. It helps me to understand the Bible better. I will distribute the paper among the preachers."

E. E. Presley, Grand Rapids, Wis.: "I consider you are doing the very best for the age. When the church makes the cause of the workers her cause, then I'd be glad to be converted to the church."

Local Lancaster, S. P., Lancaster, Ohio: "Inclosed find $2.00 for four sub cards. We are anxious to help the world understand the real man Christ, who was the discoverer of the scientific avenue of justice to all mankind."

Rev. J. L. Smiley, Annapolis, Md., writes: "Accept my most cordial congratulations upon the 'Inaugural Number' of The Christian Socialist. Its date (March 1) precedes the U. S. Presidential date of inauguration by three days, and its message is worth three times the average Presidential message (with all due respect to the latter). Your inaugural address and that of Comrade Breckon, both have the true ring, and give joy to all of us who are working and praying the Lord's Prayer.

### Counsel From the Enemy

Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New Haven railroad, told the Boston & Maine employes, at a recent banquet given in his honor at Holyoke, Massachusetts, that if organized labor stood steadfastly behind its leaders they could force the world to pay the price for it.

"Without labor what is there of value in this world?" he asked. "Ninety per cent of all you appreciate and desire is the result of labor. Where you alone have that which others must have, you can force them to pay your price. With this tremendous power in your hands, why have you not succeeded better? Because you have been diverted from your goal by unnecessary jealousies, by disloyalty among yourselves. When you can stand up in your own shoes, when you can agree on chosen representatives to speak one for all of you, then the whole world is yours with the fruit thereof."

### White Believes in Immortality

Andrew D. White, founder of Cornell University, whose writings were quite agnostic through his active career, has of late expressed to friends the joy he has found in Dr. Harry E. Fosdick's recent modern volume on "Immortality." Dr. White says the book has been of vast value to him, and he accepts it as a scientific demonstration of the soul's future life.—The Continent.

### English Brides Must Say "Obey"

When the Convocation of Canterbury met in February, the Bishop of Lincoln announced that he would move to omit from the marriage service of the Church of England the bride's promise to obey, making the vows of bride and bridegroom interchangeable, confining both to love, comfort, honor and help. He withdrew the motion, however, because of pronounced opposition.

### Demarest for Congress

Paterson, N. J.—Socialists have nominated for Congress, to fill the unexpired term of Robert G. Bremner, Gordon Demarest, who ran for Mayor in the election last spring. Demarest polled 5,184 votes for Mayor. The excitement attending the Paterson strike leads to the hope that he may win.

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## WHERE, WHO AND WHAT

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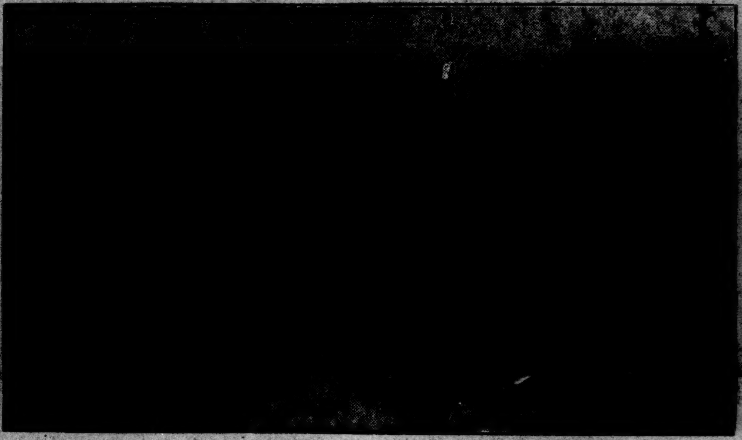
The truck farms of from one to five acres surround the homes, with their rich dark soil, carpeted with the tender green of growing things.

In the homes you will find those whom it is a pleasure to meet, refined, cultured folks; up-to-date on all topics; generous and hospitable, doing the right as they are given the grace to see the right; strong, helpful, cheerful, with a wholesome faith in humanity and the brotherhood of man.

Ruskin has gone a step further than most colonies. It is strictly a white man's town. Prohibition will not enter into its problems, for it forbids the manufacture or sale of liquors on any of its lands; it protects its youth from the cigarette by the same means, nor can any factories that might become a detriment to its people be permitted upon its holdings. Nor is the divorcee, the affinity or the libertine welcome. Do not construe its freedom of speech and thought to mean license. It is an effort to throw off the shackles of ignorance and superstition along rational lines, not by violent or radical means, running to extremes just as harmful as the evil thing they seek to cure, but by teaching the heart and brain and hands to do the work to which it is best fitted.

This is Ruskin the Ideal; this is the Ideal realized.—Florida Grower.



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### Ruskin Colony Farms

is now put upon the market. Already almost all the north tier of five-acre tracts has been taken and buildings are going up. The location is ideal. Near the River. Near the Town. Near the County Road soon to be hard surfaced. Near the Ferry where the River is to be bridged. Near the point in the river where a railroad is surveyed to cross and a station to be located. Near saw mill. Excellent land. Sightly locations. Destined for rapid development.

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# Women and the Gospels

Hebrew prejudice regarding woman was almost as deep-rooted and as uncompromising as it was regarding the Sabbath. All His life long Jesus was as deeply in conflict with the anti-woman element in contemporary life as He was with the Sabbatarians and the money-lenders. The money-lenders put gold above life; Sabbatarians put ritual above life; the anti-feminist put logic above life, and logic that started from a false premise.

The disciples were immensely astonished at finding Jesus beside Jacob's well talking to a woman; wherein they showed themselves true Jews of that time. For it is written in Genesis that because woman's curiosity made her an easy prey to the temptings of the serpent, mankind was cast out of Eden and condemned to toil. It followed therefore that woman's curiosity must be sternly repressed. No woman might learn anything; even to desire knowledge was a sin. The boy was sent to school as soon as he was able, and was compelled to learn the Talmud; even as are orthodox Jewish boys of the present day. But the girl might know nothing except the rudiments which would enable her to perform her part according to the law. For a Rabbi, therefore, a Teacher, to be talking with a woman, was an unheard of thing. It was against Scripture. But the disciples were getting already somewhat inured to astonishments, so said nothing.

Many of the events in the teachings of Jesus which have been most grievously misinterpreted were called forth by this same conflict. Take the case of Mary and Martha, in Luke 10:38.

"Now as they went on their way, he entered into a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and she came up to him, and said, "Lord, dost thou not care that my sister did leave me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me." But the Lord answered and said unto her, "Martha, Martha, thou art anxious and troubled about many things; but few things are needful—or indeed, only one—for Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

The tragedy of misinterpretations! This has been taken to be the commendation of laziness. Rudyard Kipling has written a poem called "The Sons of Martha," in which the sons of Mary are taken to be those contemplative idlers who sit around and do nothing.

But lo, how much was at stake!

Hebrew tradition condemned woman to darkness and the shadow of bondage. Because Eve was curious and the result had been exile, no daughter of Eve might seek to know anything. Learning was for men. Hence when the great Teacher of Galilee came to the house of Martha, the women must not overhear, save through the lips of brother or kinsman, what life-giving message He brought.

Martha was a traditional Hebrew housewife. She was cumbered—the Greek word is "distracted; beside herself; out of her head"—with much serving. She was preparing a bountiful spread; a state dinner. Jesus should have all that He could possibly hold to eat; so should all His disciples. She would tempt His appetite with the best Bethany could provide; and she was bound to make her entertainment outshine anything that had happened in that village since its foundation. She was craving social distinction. The bustle and worry of a state dinner made her forget her manners.

Some one told her, or she saw, her younger sister Mary edging in among the crowd of men [illegible] listening to the words of the Teacher. [illegible] had rebelled against the blight of darkness laid against her sex. The tree of knowledge [illegible] good and evil seemed to her a desirable thing. Woman's intellect burned up in her; she was too young yet to have had her ambition crushed and shackled under the dead weight of the tradition of ignorance.

Martha saw her; and, her manners gone to the winds, she burst into the circle of tense, quiet listeners with a complaint.

"Teacher," she cried, "dost thou not care that my sister did leave me serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me."

Jesus looked quietly up at her. "Martha," He said, "you are anxious and troubled about a great many things. We need a very few things. I am not fond of elaborate dinners—the simpler the better. We really need only one thing. But Mary has chosen the good portion, which you, and tradition, and superstition, shall not take away from her!"

The tradition was dead! With a sweep of His hand Jesus had cast into the rubbish heap the curse of ignorance and the chains of sex. Mary had as good right to be there as had Peter, or James, or John. Not for an elaborate dinner might her thirst for knowledge remain unslaked. The Tree of Eden might claim no more penalties. Woman's right to knowledge was established and made good.

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, also knew her Bible. She knew, as every Jewish girl knew, the songs of Miriam, Deborah and Hannah. She knew that among the tribesmen of Israel it was the woman's place to raise the song of battle while her sons and brothers fought. Miriam's song at the Red Sea was a refrain of victory. Deborah's paean of exultation at the defeat of Sisera and his host is a battle hymn. The song ascribed to Hannah in 1 Samuel is also a warrior's chant.

And Mary, when she knew that her son was to be the Messiah of Israel, made for Him a battle-song, with which she crooned her infant to rest. The Magnificat, the cradle-song of Jesus, was the poem of the daughter of a warrior-race. There is no reason to doubt that Mary wrote it.

The parables of Jesus are shot through and through with recollections of the humble home at Nazareth. He had seen His mother put leaven in the meal, and had watched it boil and heave while the yeast worked. He had seen her, perhaps, light a candle and search the house thoroughly seeking for a single lost coin. Life was more or less open in a Hebrew village; and He knew whereof He spoke when He said in His parables "A woman when she is in travail."

How deeply Jesus loved His mother appeared at the crucial moment of His agony upon the cross. He looked from bloodshot eyes under brows hung with bloody sweat, and seeing her stand beside the cross with John, the beloved disciple, said to her, "Woman, behold thy son;"—"Behold thy mother." He made provision for her care and comfort even in the midst of the awful torture of the cross.

Now when the time came for Jesus to leave Nazareth and begin to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom, He knew what it meant. Even from the beginning, when the kinsmen at Nazareth sought to murder Him after His first sermon, He knew that He faced death. His mother knew it also; and with the prophecy of Simeon in her ears ("Yea, and a sword shall pierce through thine own heart also") she must have sought, woman-wise, to hold him back. The scar of the fearful wrench of that parting from His mother must have left a mark upon the soul of Jesus; for He loved His mother well.

Therefore when any one sought to play upon His love for His mother, it was as though some one had flicked Him upon a raw spot. "Nay, rather——!" He cried, as though one should fling up an arm and cry "Not that, not that!"

"Blessed" cried some one in the crowd. "Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the breasts which thou hast sucked;" and He cried, "Nay, rather, blessed are they which hear the word of God and keep it."

"Thy mother and thy brethren desire to speak with thee" came a message to Him in Capernaum; and He looked around upon the crowd and said, "Who is my mother, and my brethren? He that doeth the will of God and keepeth it, the same is my mother, and my sister, and my brother."

It seems almost as though His love for His mother was the one thing that might have turned Jesus aside; for He shrank from the thought of the cost of His sacrifice to her. So terrible was the struggle that, putting it in the strongest terms. He said to His disciples, "If any man cometh unto me, and hateth not his own father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." To leave his mother and face this death made it seem almost as though He hated her; yet to accomplish the end, that must be done. But it hurt.

What then of other women?

It was a standing scandal to the good church-people of his day that Jesus associated with prostitutes, and that apparently from choice. The phrase "Publicans and sinners" is euphemistic. We should translate publicans as "grafters"; boodlers; corrupt public officials. And the "sinners" were the offscourings of the towns. Yet they flocked to hear Him; and He ate with them.

There were indignation meetings of the church people. "This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them!" But Jesus laughed at them. "Do you call a doctor for the well man, or for the sick?" he inquired.

Simon the Pharisee, his host at dinner, watched Jesus while a notorious sinner, a woman of the town, washed His feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. "This man cannot be a prophet," thought Simon, "else He would never have permitted a woman of this kind to touch His feet." Whereupon Jesus startled and enraged the Pharisee by telling him that this woman's sins had been forgiven, because she loved much; and implying that Simon, because he loved not, had not been forgiven. And He roused the purple-lipped wrath of the whole tribe of church pillars by saying, "Verily I say unto you, that the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of heaven before you."

When a woman taken in adultery was brought before Him, Jesus stooped and wrote upon the ground. Then they continued asking, saying, "Moses in the law commanded that such should be stoned; but what sayest thou?" And He lifted up Himself and said, "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone." And again He stooped down and wrote upon the ground. And they all went out, beginning with the eldest, even unto the youngest, being convicted by their own conscience.

What then shall we say? Did Jesus actually favor evil life and adultery? Was He countenancing violation of the Seventh Commandment? In no case did He condemn a woman accused of evil living; what then of man?

Ah, then the case changes: "Verily I say unto you," he proclaims, "that if any of you shall look after a woman to lust with her, he hath committed adultery with her already in his heart!"

What is the explanation?

Why, the explanation lies in the double standard of Hebrew morality, which Jesus fought with all His strength until His dying day. And the root of it was the scholasticism of the Rabbinic schools.

The American lawyer has always a saving opportunity. He can talk things over with his wife, and the two minds together can bring a human view to bear. But the Hebrew lawyer was forbidden to discuss such matters with his wife, because it was a sin for her to know the law. The Roman Catholic scholastics of the middle ages likewise lacked the saving grace of feminine points of view, because, alas, they had no wives to talk them over with. That is perhaps the reason why both the Rabbinic law and the Scholastic law degenerated into the laughing stocks of the ages.

The Rabbinic law had taken the story of Eden in Genesis and had wrung from it a monstrous collection of regulations. Because the Lord God had said to the woman, "Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee," they had evolved a collection of moral customs laws which gave all privileges into the hands of the man.

"Down with this double standard of morality! Man and woman are one flesh; what is right for man is right for woman"—this was His stand. And because it ran against a rock-ribbed conviction that the Man was the Home, they accused him of destroying homes.

When woman suffrage is debated, some one always raises the horrified cry, "Then the prostitutes will vote!" Jesus met that same position; and His answer would be: "If the slaver votes, so also shall the slave!"

There are religious teachers of the present day who take the same attitude of horrified fear as did the Pharisees, lest this placing of men and women upon an equal plane shall destroy morality. Cardinal Gibbons declared in an Easter sermon some years ago that the economic independence of women would be a tragedy because without the fear of want to restrain her, woman would be hopelessly immoral. Rev. J. H. Moeckel, of Buffalo, said in a sermon recently: "Marriage as an institution demands that the wife shall be dependent upon her husband. The Socialists would make the wife independent."

To which the reply is, if marriage as an institution demands this, marriage as an institution is already gone; because hundreds of thousands of wives are economically independent now, and more are becoming so. The result is not the dissolution of the home; it is the putting of the husband on his good behavior. He may no longer beat and abuse her as he will, knowing that she is his property, bought and paid for.

Jesus stood for fair play. He fought against injustice to the end of His days. And so do we.

The position taken by the Church of Rome, that marriage is indissoluble, except where a technical irregularity can be discovered is based upon a saying of Jesus given in Matthew 19:9; "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except for the cause of fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery; and he that marrieth her when she is put away committeth adultery."

The context shows that Jesus was again in conflict with the Rabbinic Law. That law had taken the text in Genesis 3:16, "Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee," and had wrung a vast number of laws from it, putting all power into the hands of the husband. A man could divorce his wife for any reason, or for no reason, ranging from a bad temper to a spoiled dinner, or to failure to bear children within a specified time. But the woman had no rights of divorce.

A woman taken in adultery was to be stoned. But adultery for a man was very loosely defined indeed. It was a one-sided standard of the most vicious kind.

Against this situation Jesus turned the sledge hammer of His own clean logic. "Have you not even read the rest of the chapter?" He demands. "This theory of one-sided freedom has been drawn from one text. Why do you not read the text that went before—"They shall be one flesh?" Whatever is right for the husband is right for the wife; what is wrong for the wife is wrong for the husband. A man who puts away his wife for any cause except the breaking of the marriage bond itself, commits adultery."

Jesus was standing for fair play. He was fighting one-sided morality of the most vicious kind, in which the weaker side was not allowed a voice. For a divorced woman in those days there was almost nothing left but prostitution or slavery, or concubinage.

And because Jesus stood for equal rights, for the sanctity of the marriage bond made double, He was denounced as a destroyer of marriage. "If this is the case, it is better for a man not to marry," said His disciples.

Following Jesus, we stand also for fair play. If a man and his wife are one flesh, then conditions shall be the same for both. The woman is handicapped enough in the life-struggle without putting upon her this additional burden, that she shall sell her womanhood for bread.

## LIFE IN PRISON FOR FORD AND SUHR

Richard Ford and Herman Suhr, convicted of second degree murder in connection with the hop field riots at Wheatland, Cal., last summer, have been sentenced to life imprisonment. William Beck and Harry Bagan, jointly tried with them, were acquitted.

The complaint sworn out by Ralph Durst, the hop magnate, against Dick Ford was for "inciting to strike," a crime unknown to the statute books.

The four men were of the committee who dared to protest to the hop baron, Ralph Durst, against the wage and living conditions in his pestilence struck camp. A crowd of ruffians, led by an irresponsible Sheriff, fired into a close packed gathering of some 2,000 hop pickers, which included hundreds of women and children.

The story of the awful conditions prevailing in the hop fields of California, is told in a report by Dr. Carleton H. Parker, secretary of the State Immigration Commission and investigator for the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations, published on February 13. According to the report Ralph Durst had advertised extensively for help, bringing to his ranch many more workers than were needed. These workers, of twenty-seven different nationalities, with their families, numbering 2,800 persons, had to encamp on a low unshaded hill. Tents were rented to them by Durst for seventy-five cents per night. The resulting sanitary conditions were appalling—unspeakably filthy. In addition the water supply was insufficient and the campers had to go long distances to get water. An important part of the hop field was more than a mile from the well, but no water was transported to the pickers in spite of the great heat. Work began about four o'clock in the morning and 200 or 300 children were taken to the fields with the women.

"By noon," says the report, "under the hot sun beating down on the still air held between the rows of vines, the children, many of whom were very small, were in a pitiable condition because of the lack of water." The reports says further that no explanation was given for the failure to provide water, but that Durst had let a concession to a relative to sell lemonade in the fields, and also that a concession to sell stew had been sold, and to each one who purchased stew a glass of water was given. During the first week 90 cents a hundred pounds was paid for picking, to which was added a bonus of 10 cents a hundred if the picker stayed through the season. If he quit before the last day he lost this bonus. When finally a riot occurred, Durst made the rate $1.00 a hundred straight. The earning of pickers previous to the outbreak ranged from 78 cents to $1.90 a day.

A meeting of pickers was called on August 3 to protest against this state of affairs. It was being addressed by "Blackie" Ford, when a sheriff's posse appeared. Ford had taken a sick baby from its mother's arms and holding it up had cried: "It's for the kids we are doing this." The sheriff started to arrest Ford, and a deputy fired in the air "to sober the crowd," so he afterwards explained. This infuriated the men who had previously been peaceful. The sheriff was knocked senseless, and in the resulting riot four men, including the district attorney and a deputy sheriff, were killed. The posse was driven away, but the next day the militia arrived. Ford and another man named Suhr were arrested, and although no evidence was presented to show they had taken part in the violence, they have been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

The public has been asked to believe that these men "conspired" to murder the officers of the law, and that the strikers, when they went out to do murder, armed to the teeth, took the women and children along with them.

### Socialist Clergy Directory

The Christian Socialist desires to compile a directory of all Socialist ministers of every communion in the United States, for mutual encouragement and acquaintance, and for the purpose of demonstrating to non-Socialists the strength of the Christian Socialist movement. We therefore request all ministers who are members of the Socialist party, or who know of others who are, to send in their names, location, denomination and charge. We further request all ministers of every communion who announce themselves as "Socialists" without being members of the party, to send similar information.

### Yes, But Who Gets It?

"In one industry we can sell abroad $68,000,000, as against purchases of $8,000,000; hence there is no need to cry industrial depression," declares Secretary Redfield. The question, dear Secretary, is, who gets the $60,000,000 balance?

### Doubtful Compliment, at Best

Secretary Daniels says that American business men are solid. Solid ivory, perhaps.

### The World Do Move

Levy Mayer, corporation lawyer, in a speech before the railroad men of Chicago, said:

"In the economic history of the United States I know of nothing that compares with the infamous events which accompanied the building and management of our American railroads. In the huge industrial game the industrial buccaneer has found his richest pickings in this field. The defrauding of the government and innocent investors; the fictitious issues of vast quantities of watered stock; the midnight tariffs, railway pools, the bold and unblushing as well as intricate and subtle methods of purchasing legislation and occasionally judges, and the evasion of the law by railroad officials, are matters of common knowledge."

There was a time when language like this meant disbarment from the mails.

### A Great Book at Half Price

For one month I will send my 300-page $1 book, "The Coming Kingdom," to readers of the Christian Socialist for 50c. It is a discussion of the Christ-ideal, showing wherein it resembles, and where differs from Socialism. It is the result of thirty years study, and I flatter myself the most scholarly thing ever brought out on the theme, but is not written from either a partisan or sectarian standpoint. It forecasts a new "religion" yet as a reverent fulfillment rather than a supplanting.—C. L. Phifer, associate editor Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kans.

### Whole Chapter of Scripture Devoted to Us

In reply to a circular, J. W. Lockhart, St. John, Wash., writes: "For Christian Socialist in prophecy, see II. Peter, 2d chapter." Turning to our Bibles, we read:

"But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction * * *"

It is indeed a high honor to find that a whole chapter of Holy Scripture is devoted to us.

### Moloch of the Mill

"And they fling him hour by hour,
Limbs of men to give him power;
Brains of men to give him cunning; and for dainties
to devour.

Children's souls, the little worth; hearts of women,
cheaply bought;
He takes them and he breaks them, but he gives
them scanty thought."

—William Vaughn Moody.

### But Suppose the Home Is Destroyed?

Frank Comerford, Democratic candidate from Illinois for the United States Senate, speaking in Newcastle, Pa., remarked: "The great problem of our day is poverty. A man must be economically free before he can be moral. The criminals we condemn are largely products of conditions that make men criminal. The cause of this evil is political corruption."

Some one in the audience asked for the cure. Comerford replied, "I am not a Socialist. The cure is publicity!"

### Secret Past of Norman Hapgood Revealed

The Chicago Record-Herald begins a story thus: "Why opposition of tobacco interests and allied politicians failed to prevent the prohibition of smoking in the street cars in Kansas City, is told in a full-page illustrated article in Harper's Weekly under date of July 20, 1192."

Norman Hapgood must have been off in the Holy Land on the Crusades about that time.

Or perhaps the reporter got him mixed with the Sphinx. Barring the nose, they do look somewhat alike.

### Following Ford—at a Distance

The Providence, R. I., Telephone Company makes an annual report showing that during 1913 a surplus of $400,000 was accumulated, which was divided among the stockholders. One of the employes was awarded a bonus of $50, having completed seven years of faithful and unremitting service.

### Simply Died, Probably

The House of Representatives suspended its sessions for hours on Feb. 17 because the silver mace, emblem of congressional authority, was lost. With the Big Stick away in South America, what WOULD we have done if the mace had not been found?

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### THE GLORIES OF WAR.

Mrs. Zoritza D. Furnajiett of Sofia, Bulgaria, in an address before the City Club of Chicago, on January 14, said:

"We have sustained a fearful loss on the battlefields. The official numbers, which were given to me two months ago, are these: 44,892 men are dead, killed in battle and dead from diseases contracted on the Turkish border; 7,744 men are recorded as missing. Oh, put yourselves in the place of the Bulgarian father and the Bulgarian mother, waiting daily for the missing one to come home, and yet it may be he will never come! Christmas has been the saddest day for our people; 44,892 chairs were vacant. In addition to that we have in our country today over 10,000 men crippled for life; strong men, young men, who have given time to educate themselves, and yet who are crippled for life, unable to help their country. In addition to that, we have about 150,000 Macedonian refugees.

**A Whole Generation Without Fathers.**

"You can see the present situation of the Bulgarian nation, but when I tell you that in addition to all this we have about 150,000 fatherless and orphaned children, then you can understand that the only living capital that was left to us, the children, are now in such a state that unless we rescue them we are to face yet the greatest loss that can come to a small nation, the loss of children who are to take the place of their fathers."

### The Sarcastic Socialist

We feel progressive. We are wild to drill for lead, bore for oil or whoop it up for the interurban. We like to have an excitement going on. We know a paper that lived ten years on an interurban excitement and no interurban yet. That editor does it just as a matter of principle. Let's dig for lead. That fool socialist that lives over towards the branch remarked that it would pay better to dig in the potato patch. We insist that the good citizens and Christians of Donkville go down there and flail that fellow. He would kill any boom ever started.—From the Donkville, Ark., Pulverizer.

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The price of this despised sheet is 2 cents the copy and will be found on sale at Haney's Cafe, on Second avenue, Upper Girard, and at Ed Reese's Store, on Second street. Sample copies free at mayor's office, Broad street. Free copies of the Rip-Saw, Appeal and Christian Socialist every day in mayor's court room. I also have subscription cards of the above papers for sale.—Alabama Social Democrat, Girard, Ala.

### What's the Connection?

St. Valentine's Day was a real nuisance in school. It put bees in bonnets that should have had more important things in them. The editor confesses that he has never sent a valentine nor has he ever been drunk.—Rogers, Ark., "People's Friend." .. ..

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Rev. William Arthur McKown, Socialist candidate for mayor of Marion, Ind.:

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If we were to plan for His special benefit a grand naval display and cause to pass before His reviewing stand, those mighty engines of hell and destruction, would He compliment us upon our marvelous achievement in building them at the expense of all other machinery that we might have set in operation for the preservation of human life?

### CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

The Desborough (England) Co-operative Society has purchased the whole village of Harringworth with a view to starting their own productive enterprises there. The valuable deposits of iron which are thought to exist there will be worked by the Society itself.

The Trades' Hall Council of Melbourne decided upon the establishing of a Co-operative, Wholesale, Retail and Productive Union throughout the country. According to the Regulations members failing to purchase at least one half of their goods from the Union may be fined 10 shillings per half year unless they can show good reason for purchasing elsewhere.

The Federation of the Swiss Co-operative Societies has entered into an arrangement with the greatest slaughter-house in the country, under which the Federation enters into partnership with the Slaughter-house company, which will have the providing of practically all the co-operative societies with meat, etc.

## News and Views

By WM. H. WATTS

"The New Immigration," by Peter Roberts, Ph. D., is a book well worthy of an extended review did our limited space permit. However, the nature of the contents is such that an adequate review would be a difficult matter. It is not a theoretical work, but is packed with important information of intense interest to all who feel concerned with the problems arising from immigration.

By the "new immigration" is meant the immigration from the countries of southeastern Europe, while the term, "old immigration" is applied to the people emigrating from northwestern Europe, which comprised almost all the immigration from Europe up till 1880. But the new immigration has been increasing, until in 1896 it formed the larger part.

Mr. Roberts corrects two popular errors in regard to the foreigners. The first that they are peculiarly prone to crime, and proves that they are actually less criminally inclined than the native American. The other, that the European immigrants are collected from the slums of the cities, and shows that they are very largely from the country districts.

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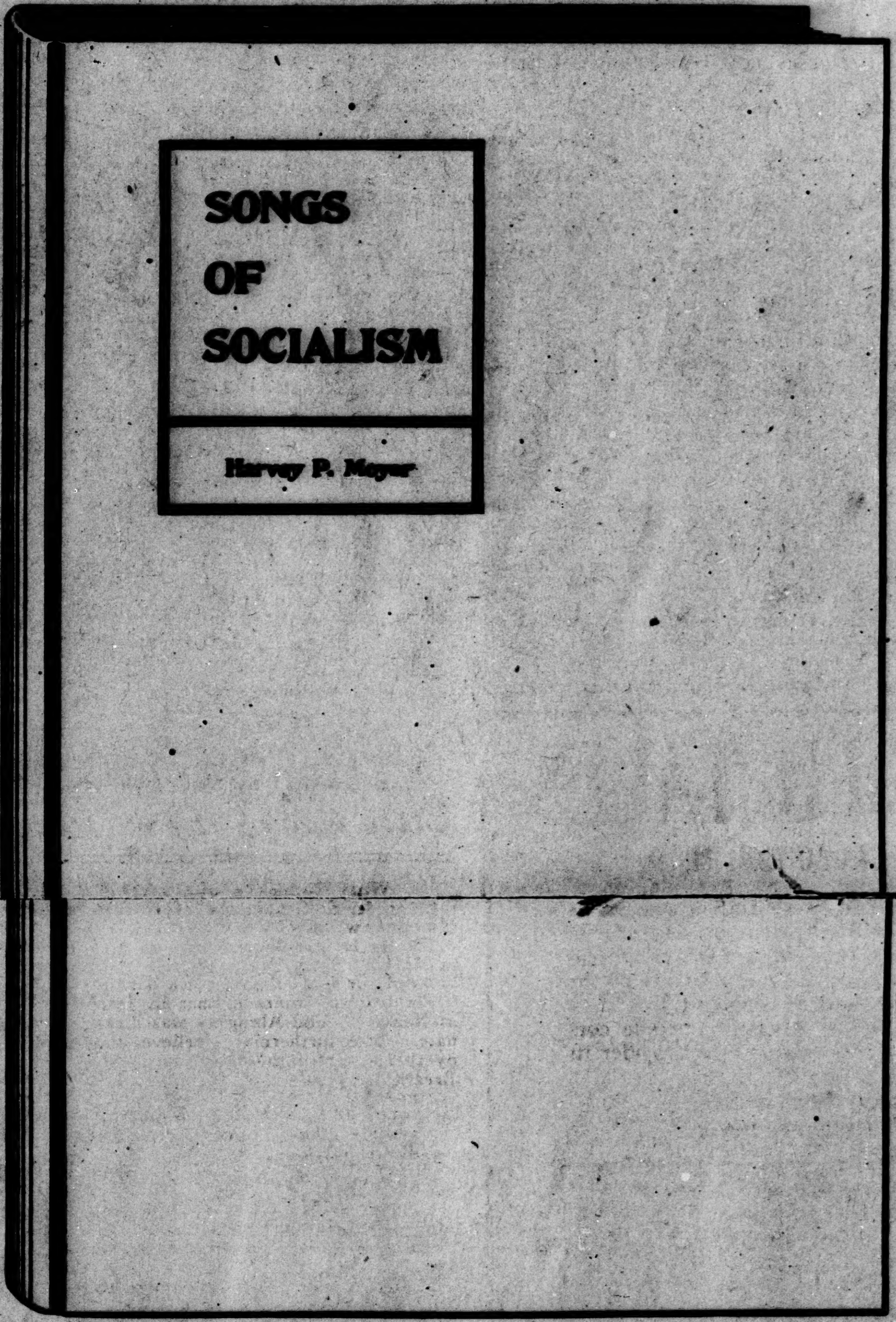

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